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THE RICH CAT AND THE POOR CAT

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Sir Toby Cat dwells in the home of luxury, enjoying the services of a valet and comforts galore. Thomas Cat, a poor relative, is desperately in need of food for his tabby and kittens. It is mid-winter and poor Thomas paces up and down the snow-covered street. Just about this time, Toby is indulging in a nice warm bath and shower. Mrs. Thomas meows the immediate need of food, and Tom investigates among the ash cans. He finds them far from what they used to be. A young and venturesome mouse creeps out of one can and Tom sees him. A chase ensues, which brings Thomas before Sir Toby's window, as the mouse runs into a hole in the side of the house. Toby sees Tom peering in at him and jumps out of the bath to pull down the shade. Poor hungry Tom rests beneath the tree and meditates upon his unhappy lot. After Toby returns from the bath, Mrs. Housewife, his owner, reminds him that she bought him to catch mice. Then, the lazy Toby goes to the front porch to enjoy his lunch. From his position under the tree, Tom sees the cat aristocrat enjoying his sumptuous feed. Tom runs up and begs for a few morsels for his wee kittens, but Sir Toby tells him to be off. He continues to plead. Toby throws a plate at the poor relation and stuns him. While he is slowly regaining consciousness the mouse that had eluded Tom, jumps upon Toby's lunch table and "kids" the greedy chap. Mousie grabs the fork from Toby's paw and after prodding him with the implement, chases him into the house. With the food left on the table, temptation gets the better of Tom and he steals a chicken and other morsels for his famished family. Toby's owner sees him being chased by the mouse and she promptly kicks him out of the house. Tom feeds his family with the purloined lunch. Thoroughly vanquished, Toby crawls to the home of Tom and sits outside crying aloud. Tom hears Toby's wails and goes outside to see what the catawaul is about. He answers Toby's pleas for a night's lodging by saying, "You are the cat who refused me food". A fight folbws with Tom the happy victor.

Moral: We must have friends in prosperity if we would have their help in adversity.

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